

I. INDIVIDUAL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM ACCEPTANCE

- A. FmHA Instruction References:** 1924-A, Exhibit C, paragraphs II.A.II., and V in the FmHA National Instructions for system documentation requirements.
- B. Sewage Disposal Approval:** Rural Development will require a completed and approved copy of Missouri Department of Health (MoDH) form E107, E 309, or other form as directed by MoDH or local authorized authority on new construction and written approval of an existing system.
- 1. Technical Approval:** Rural Development personnel should not be involved in the technical aspects of approving the system. Our national instructions require written approval from a health authority (having jurisdiction) that the site is suitable and that a proper system has been installed (MoDH or its authorized county agency). There are many variables involved (soil types, climate, yard drainage, peak loads, owner maintenance, etc.) and many different county or town ordinances and authorities with different standards.
 - 2. Approval Process:** Contact the MoDH Area Office or the local health department and receive instructions on how to advise the Rural Development applicant to proceed with the system approval process. Inspections shall be performed by and written approval of the system shall be received from MoDH or the local authorized authority.
 - a. **Permits:** Missouri Rural Development requires a permit for all new systems that need more than minor repair.
 - b. **New Construction:** Have at least 2 acres of land for septic system and 3 acres for lagoon (land needed for best case scenarios). *Have the applicant get the system and the location on the site approved prior to beginning construction of the system or the house.*
 - c. **Existing Construction:** The septic tank will be pumped and the entire system shall be inspected. Lagoons shall have perimeter weeds cut back.
 - d. **Responsibility:** The Rural Development applicant is responsible for making all contacts and providing Rural Development with written approval of the system(s).
 - 3. Rural Development Acceptance:** Although Rural Development personnel are not involved in approving the technical aspects of the water and waste disposal systems, 1924-A, Exhibit D, paragraphs II.A.II., and V, need to be followed to ensure that the system(s) or location does not adversely impact the value of the property or its marketability.
- C. Water Supply Approval:** The MoDH or the authorized local authority shall provide written approval of the new system and an adequate water sample for new and existing systems.
- 1. Well Driller Contract:** Rural Development MO RH Guide 12 or a similar contract should be used as a water supply agreement between the applicant and the well driller. Rural Development does not have a separate contract for sewage disposal systems.
 - 2. Acceptable Sample:** A safe water sample report must be obtained for new and existing systems.